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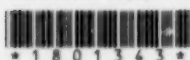
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Decision 13/CP.23

Assessment of the technical examination processes on mitigation and adaptation

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision to conduct an assessment of the technical examination processes on mitigation and adaptation so as to improve their effectiveness,¹

Expressing its appreciation to the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies, the high-level champions, the Adaptation Committee, the Technology Executive Committee, Parties and non-Party stakeholders for the efforts undertaken and outputs produced so far in the implementation of the technical examination processes,

Having conducted the assessment of the technical examination processes and considered ways of improving their effectiveness,

1. *Stresses* the urgency of improving the technical examination processes, as outlined in decision 1/CP.21, including to better integrate them with the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action;
2. *Strongly urges* the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies, the high-level champions,² the Adaptation Committee, the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network to focus the technical examination processes on specific policy options and opportunities for enhancing mitigation and adaptation that are actionable in the short term, including those with sustainable development co-benefits;
3. *Also strongly urges* the high-level champions to identify, by 12 January 2018, in consultation with the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network, topics for the technical examination process on mitigation for the period until 2020;
4. *Requests* the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network to include in their joint annual report to the Conference of the Parties, having consulted with the high-level champions thereon, recommendations for Parties and other organizations on ways forward and necessary actions to be taken based on the outcomes of the technical expert meetings;³
5. *Also requests* the Adaptation Committee, in conducting the technical examination process on adaptation, to consider the needs of Parties expressed in their nationally determined contributions, national adaptation plans and national communications, to address all four functions of the technical examination process on adaptation,⁴ and to include in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties recommendations for respective processes and for constituted bodies under the Convention, Parties and other organizations on ways forward and necessary actions to be taken based on the outcomes of the technical expert meetings;
6. *Invites* expert organizations, constituted bodies under the Convention and non-Party stakeholders to enhance their engagement in the technical examination processes;
7. *Also invites* expert organizations to volunteer, through the secretariat, to lead the organization of relevant technical expert meetings;
8. *Further invites* the lead expert organizations and *requests* the secretariat, as appropriate, in organizing the technical expert meetings:

¹ Decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 113 and 131.

² Decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 121 and 122.

³ Decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 111(a) and 129(a).

⁴ Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 127.

(a) To make the technical expert meetings more interactive, including by means of round tables, thematic dialogues and virtual participation;

(b) To make the agenda and guiding questions for the technical expert meetings available well in advance thereof;

(c) To conclude the technical expert meetings with a session on proposing ways forward and necessary actions in relation to the identified policy options and opportunities referred to in paragraph 2 above for inclusion in the technical papers³ and subsequent summaries for policymakers;⁴

9. *Invites* Parties and non-Party stakeholders to organize regional technical expert meetings, building on existing regional climate action events, as appropriate, with a view to examining specific finance, technology and capacity-building resources necessary to scale up actions in regional contexts, including through regional mitigation and adaptation initiatives, and to provide their reports thereon to the secretariat as input to the technical examination processes;

10. *Strongly urges* the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies, the high-level champions, the Adaptation Committee, the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network to ensure the necessary continuity of and follow-up on the identified policy options and opportunities referred to in paragraph 2 above, including by informing the summaries for policymakers,⁵ the high-level events⁶ and the Talanoa dialogue;

11. *Invites* Parties and non-Party stakeholders to share experience on actions taken and pledges made towards addressing the recommendations referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5 above as input to the relevant technical papers, summaries for policymakers and high-level events.

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³ Decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 111(b) and 129(b)

⁴ Decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 111(c) and 129(b)

⁵ As footnote 6 above.

⁶ Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 120

Decision 14/CP.23

Review of the effective implementation of the Climate Technology Centre and Network

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 1/CP.16, 2/CP.17, 1/CP.18 and 14/CP.18,

1. *Welcomes* the report on the independent review of the effective implementation of the Climate Technology Centre and Network (hereinafter referred to as the independent review)¹ commissioned by the secretariat in response to decision 2/CP.17, annex VII, paragraph 20;
2. *Welcomes with appreciation* the support provided by Parties² and the Global Environment Facility, and the financial and in-kind contributions from the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and other consortium partners of the Climate Technology Centre and Network in supporting the operationalization and activities of the Climate Technology Centre and Network;
3. *Notes* the key findings of the independent review regarding the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability of the services provided by the Climate Technology Centre and Network, as contained in the report referred to in paragraph 1 above;³
4. *Also notes* the achievements and challenges regarding the effective implementation of the Climate Technology Centre and Network, as contained in the report referred to in paragraph 1 above;⁴
5. *Decides* to renew the memorandum of understanding between the Conference of the Parties and the United Nations Environment Programme regarding the hosting of the Climate Technology Centre, as contained in annex I to decision 14/CP.18, for a further four-year period, in accordance with decision 2/CP.17, annex VII, paragraph 22;
6. *Authorizes* the Executive Secretary to sign, on behalf of the Conference of the Parties, the memorandum of understanding referred to in paragraph 5 above;
7. *Invites* the United Nations Environment Programme, as the host of the Climate Technology Centre, with the support of the Climate Technology Centre and Network and in consultation with its Advisory Board, and within their respective functions and mandates,⁵ to provide a management response to the relevant findings and recommendations of the independent review for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its forty-eighth session (April–May 2018), taking into account Parties' deliberations at this session;
8. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its forty-eighth session, to consider the findings and recommendations of the independent review, and the management response from the United Nations Environment Programme referred to in paragraph 7 above with a view to recommending a draft decision on enhancing the performance of the Climate Technology Centre and Network for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fourth session (December 2018);
9. *Notes* that the Climate Technology Centre and Network continues to face challenges that need attention regarding sustainable funding for implementing its functions, and that

¹ FCCC/CP/2017/3.

² Canada, Denmark, European Union, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Norway, Republic of Korea, Spain, Switzerland and United States of America.

³ FCCC/CP/2017/3, paragraphs 51–82.

⁴ FCCC/CP/2017/3, paragraphs 83 and 84.

⁵ Decision 2/CP.17, annex VII, and decision 14/CP.18, annex I.

further financial support should be provided, recalling decision 2/CP.17, paragraphs 139 and 141;

10. *Requests* the secretariat, pursuant to decision 2/CP.17, annex VII, paragraph 20, and subject to the availability of financial resources, to commission the second independent review of the effective implementation of the Climate Technology Centre and Network for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-seventh session (November 2021), taking into account lessons learned from the first independent review, including issues related to the timing of the review report and the management response referred to in paragraph 7 above.

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Decision 15/CP.23

Enhancing climate technology development and transfer through the Technology Mechanism

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 1/CP.18, 13/CP.18, 17/CP.20, 12/CP.21 and 15/CP.22,

1. *Welcomes* the joint annual report of the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network for 2017, including the key messages and recommendations contained therein, and the progress of their work to facilitate the effective implementation of the Technology Mechanism;¹
2. *Acknowledges* the work undertaken by the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network in supporting the implementation of the Paris Agreement, and *looks forward* to enhanced efforts in this regard in the future, taking into consideration gender, endogenous technologies, including knowledge from local communities and indigenous peoples, and the balance between adaptation and mitigation;
3. *Welcomes with appreciation* the inclusion in the joint annual report referred to in paragraph 1 above of information on challenges and lessons learned by the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network in implementing their respective mandates;
4. *Takes note* of the updated procedures for preparing the joint annual report of the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network, as contained in annex I to the joint annual report referred to in paragraph 1 above;
5. *Requests* the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network to carry out monitoring and evaluation of the impacts of the implementation of their respective mandates;
6. *Notes with appreciation* the collaboration between the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network, and *encourages* the two bodies to continue to strengthen the collaboration across the entire technology cycle;

I. Activities and performance of the Technology Executive Committee in 2017

7. *Welcomes* the progress made by the Technology Executive Committee in advancing the implementation of its rolling workplan for 2016–2018,² including in the areas of: adaptation; climate technology financing; emerging and cross-cutting issues; innovation and research, development and demonstration; mitigation; and technology needs assessments;
8. *Invites* Parties and all relevant stakeholders working on technology development and transfer, when implementing climate technology action, to consider the key messages and recommendations of the Technology Executive Committee, noting that these are in the areas of innovation, industrial energy and material efficiency, and technology needs assessments;
9. *Also invites* the Technology Executive Committee to continue to enhance the linkages between the technology needs assessments process and the nationally determined contributions process, and between the technology needs assessments process and the national adaptation plans process;

¹ FCCC/SB/2017/3.

² Technology Executive Committee document TEC/2016/12/13-an. Available at <https://goo.gl/nybgmc>.

10. *Encourages* the Technology Executive Committee to continue strengthening collaboration with other constituted bodies under the Convention, including the Adaptation Committee and the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts;

11. *Invites* the Technology Executive Committee to enhance its communication and outreach strategy;

II. Activities and performance of the Climate Technology Centre and Network in 2017

12. *Welcomes* the progress made by the Climate Technology Centre and Network in 2017 in implementing its programme of work, including by enhancing its response to the increased requests for technical assistance; broadening the network membership; and increasing the use of expertise sourced from the network to address the requests for technical assistance;

13. *Encourages* the Climate Technology Centre and Network to continue strengthening partnership and collaboration with relevant stakeholders;

14. *Notes* that the Climate Technology Centre and Network continues to face challenges that need attention regarding sustainable funding for implementing its functions, and that further financial support should be provided, recalling decision 2/CP.17, paragraphs 139 and 141;

15. *Welcomes with appreciation* the ongoing collaboration between the Climate Technology Centre and Network and the Green Climate Fund, wherein the services and expertise of the Climate Technology Centre and Network can strengthen proposals seeking support from the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme and the Project Preparation Facility of the Green Climate Fund;

16. *Welcomes* the engagement of the Climate Technology Centre and Network with the Global Environment Facility and multilateral development banks regarding collaborative activities, including the implementation of technical assistance requests with scalable investment potential;

17. *Invites* the Climate Technology Centre and Network to continue providing support for enhancing the capacity of national designated entities;

18. *Also invites* Parties that have not yet nominated their national designated entities to communicate their nomination to the secretariat through their national focal point.

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Decision 16/CP.23

Annual technical progress report of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building for 2017

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 2/CP.17, 1/CP.21, 2/CP.22 and 16/CP.22,

1. *Emphasizes* the importance of addressing the capacity gaps and needs, both current and emerging, related to implementing capacity-building activities in developing country Parties;
2. *Appreciates* the work of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building in its first year;
3. *Welcomes* the annual technical progress report of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building for 2017,¹ taking note of the recommendations contained therein;
4. *Takes note* of the rules of procedure and working modalities of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building;²
5. *Also takes note* of the rolling workplan of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building for 2017–2019;³
6. *Invites* Parties and relevant institutions to provide support and resources to the Paris Committee on Capacity-building in implementing its 2017–2019 workplan in the light of the aim of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building, established by decision 1/CP.21;
7. *Encourages* the Paris Committee on Capacity-building, when implementing its workplan, to identify and collaborate with institutions and other stakeholders with relevant expertise, tools and resources, including bodies established under the Convention;
8. *Takes note* of the decision of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building to continue its 2017 focus area or theme of capacity-building activities for the implementation of nationally determined contributions in the context of the Paris Agreement in 2018;⁴
9. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to thematically align the next Durban Forum with the 2017–2018 focus area or theme of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building, taking note of the recommendation of the committee contained in its 2017 technical progress report;
10. *Also requests* the secretariat to help to identify communication modalities that would better accommodate the intersessional work of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building.

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¹ FCCC/SBI/2017/11.

² FCCC/SBI/2017/11, annex II.

³ FCCC/SBI/2017/11, annex IV.

⁴ FCCC/SBI/2017/11, annex III, in particular paragraphs 60 and 61.

Decision 17/CP.23

Fourth review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in countries with economies in transition

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 3/CP.7, 9/CP.9, 3/CP.10, 2/CP.17 and 21/CP.18,

Acknowledging that capacity-building for countries with economies in transition is essential to enable them to implement effectively their commitments under the Convention,

Having considered the information provided by Parties, the submissions received in response to the invitations of the Conference of the Parties and the compilation and synthesis report in support of the fourth review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in countries with economies in transition established under decision 3/CP.7,

1. *Recognizes that:*

(a) Significant progress has been made in building the capacity of countries with economies in transition to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and that some recipients of assistance have started to transfer their own expertise, knowledge and lessons learned on capacity-building to Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention;

(b) Parties included in Annex I to the Convention and the Global Environment Facility, within its mandate, have provided adequate resources and assistance for the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in countries with economies in transition established under decision 3/CP.7;

(c) Support was also provided to countries with economies in transition by multilateral development banks and international financial institutions;

(d) Countries with economies in transition that are currently receiving support, notwithstanding the progress made, are in need of further capacity-building, in particular for the development and implementation of national low-carbon development strategies consistent with their national priorities and with their emission reduction targets;

2. *Reaffirms* that the scope of the needs identified in the framework for capacity-building in countries with economies in transition established under decision 3/CP.7 and the key factors identified in decision 3/CP.10 remain relevant and continue to be the basis for, and guide the implementation of, capacity-building activities in countries with economies in transition that are currently receiving support;

3. *Invites* Parties included in Annex II to the Convention and other Parties in a position to do so, the Global Environment Facility, multilateral and bilateral agencies, international organizations, multilateral development banks, international financial institutions and the private sector, or any further arrangements, as appropriate and within their mandates, to continue to provide support for capacity-building activities in countries with economies in transition that are currently receiving support;

4. *Decides* to conclude the fourth review, and *requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its session to be held in June 2020, to initiate the fifth review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in countries with economies in transition with a view to completing this review at the twenty-sixth session of the Conference of the Parties (November 2020).

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Decision 18/CP.23

Scope of the next periodic review of the long-term global goal under the Convention and of overall progress towards achieving it

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision 10/CP.21, paragraph 10,

Noting the recommendation by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at their forty-sixth sessions, on the scope of the next periodic review of the long-term global goal under the Convention and of overall progress towards achieving it,

Decides that the consideration of the scope of the next periodic review of the long-term global goal under the Convention and of overall progress towards achieving it should be resumed by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at their sessions to be held in June 2019 with a view to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation forwarding a recommendation for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fifth session (November 2019) that will take into account the relevant work on the global stocktake under the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement, and the Talanoa dialogue, which will take place in 2018, and the technical examination processes.¹

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¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2016/2, paragraph 46, and FCCC/SBI/2016/8, paragraph 132.

Decision 19/CP.23

Training programme for review experts for the technical review of biennial reports and national communications of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Articles 4, 7 and 12 of the Convention and decisions 2/CP.1, 9/CP.2, 6/CP.3, 4/CP.5, 33/CP.7, 18/CP.10, 1/CP.13, 2/CP.17 and 19/CP.18 on national communications and biennial reports,

Also recalling decision 13/CP.20 on the guidelines for the technical review of information reported under the Convention related to greenhouse gas inventories, biennial reports and national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention,

Further recalling decision 15/CP.20 on the training programme for review experts for the technical review of biennial reports and national communications of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention,

Having considered the relevant recommendations of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice,

Recognizing the importance of the training programme for review experts for the technical review of biennial reports and national communications of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention and the importance of enhancing the training programme,

1. *Requests* the secretariat to enhance the materials of the training programme, on the basis of decisions 24/CP.19 and 9/CP.21 and taking into account the experience gained in conducting the technical reviews of biennial reports and national communications of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention since 2014, before the start of the reviews of the seventh national communications and third biennial reports of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention in 2018;
2. *Also requests* the secretariat to enhance the user interface of the training courses with a view to making them more user-friendly;
3. *Further requests* the secretariat to implement the training programme and examinations for review experts for the technical review of biennial reports and national communications of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention as outlined in the annex;
4. *Requests* the secretariat to include, in its annual report to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice on the composition of expert review teams, information on the training programme, in particular on examination procedures and the selection of trainees, so that Parties may assess the effectiveness of the programme.

Annex

Training programme for review experts for the technical review of biennial reports and national communications of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention

A. Details of the training programme

1. The courses are intended to train review experts for the technical review of biennial reports and national communications of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention. All training courses will be available online and able to be downloaded. For trainees without easy access to the Internet, courses will be distributed through other electronic means. The courses will also be made available to others interested in the review process, provided that this does not require additional resources. All courses will be available upon request to trainees all year round, without facilitation by instructors.
2. All training courses will include an examination. Examination procedures will be standardized, objective and transparent.
3. The examination will take place online. In exceptional circumstances, other arrangements for examinations will be made, provided that the examinations take place under the supervision of the secretariat and that this does not require additional resources.
4. New review experts who successfully complete the relevant requirements of the training programme and pass the examinations will be invited to participate in a centralized or in-country review, working alongside experienced review experts.
5. Experts who do not pass an examination for a course at the first attempt may retake the examination up to two more times only, provided that the expert has fulfilled all of the tasks assigned during the training course in a timely manner and that the retake does not require the secretariat to incur additional costs.

B. Courses of the training programme

1. General and cross-cutting aspects of the review of national communications and biennial reports

Description: This course covers the reporting requirements and the procedures for the general aspects of the review process of national communications and biennial reports under the Convention, and aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the reporting and review requirements and guidance to expert review teams on the process and steps for conducting reviews under the international assessment and review process. The course promotes consistency and fairness in the review process by providing technical guidance on the general review approaches and use of tools.

Preparation: 2017.

Implementation: 2017–2020.

Target audience: New and experienced review experts and lead reviewers.

Type of course: E-learning, without an instructor.

Examination requirements and format: New review experts and new lead reviewers must pass the examination before participating in expert review teams. Lead reviewers and experienced experts are encouraged to take the examination. Online examination.

2. Technical review of targets and of policies and measures, their effects and their contribution to achieving those targets

Description: This course provides general guidance and approaches for the technical review of information on national policy context and greenhouse gas (GHG) mitigation targets, policies and measures (PaMs), the effects of each individual PaM and their contribution to the reduction of GHG emissions.

Preparation: 2017.

Implementation: 2017–2020.

Target audience: New and experienced review experts reviewing targets and PaMs, and lead reviewers.

Type of course: E-learning, without an instructor.

Examination requirements and format: New review experts must pass the examination before participating in expert review teams. Lead reviewers and experienced experts reviewing targets and PaMs, their effects and their contribution to achieving those targets are encouraged to take the examination. Online examination.

3. Technical review of greenhouse gas emissions, emission trends, projections and the total effect of policies and measures

Description: This course provides general guidance and approaches for the technical review of information on GHG emissions, emission trends, projections and the total effect of PaMs.

Preparation: 2017.

Implementation: 2017–2020.

Target audience: New and experienced review experts reviewing emission trends, projections and the total effect of PaMs, and lead reviewers.

Type of course: E-learning, without an instructor.

Examination requirements and format: New review experts must pass the examination before participating in expert review teams. Lead reviewers and experienced experts reviewing GHG emissions, emission trends, projections and the total effect of PaMs are encouraged to take the examination. Online examination.

4. Technical review of the provision of financial support, technology transfer and capacity-building

Description: This course provides general guidance and approaches for the technical review of information on the provision of financial resources by Parties included in Annex II to the Convention to Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, the promotion, facilitation and financing of the transfer of technology, and capacity-building, including creating national expertise on issues related to climate change, strengthening institutions and developing educational, training and awareness-raising activities.

Preparation: 2017.

Implementation: 2017–2020.

Target audience: New and experienced review experts reviewing the provision of financial support, technology transfer and capacity-building, and lead reviewers.

Type of course: E-learning, without an instructor.

Examination requirements and format: New review experts must pass the examination before participating in expert review teams. Lead reviewers and experienced experts reviewing the provision of financial support, technology transfer and capacity-building are encouraged to take the examination. Online examination.

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Decision 20/CP.23

Administrative, financial and institutional matters

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision 22/CP.21, in which the programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017 was approved,

Also recalling paragraph 11 of the financial procedures for the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, its subsidiary bodies and its permanent secretariat,¹

Having considered the information contained in the documents prepared by the secretariat on administrative, financial and institutional matters,²

1. Budget performance for the biennium 2016–2017

1. *Takes note* of the information contained in the report on budget performance for the biennium 2016–2017 as at 30 June 2017³ and the note on the status of contributions to the trust funds administered by the secretariat as at 16 October 2017;⁴
2. *Expresses its appreciation* to Parties that made contributions to the core budget in a timely manner;
3. *Expresses concern* regarding the high level of outstanding contributions to the core budget for the current and previous bienniums, which has resulted in difficulties with cash flow;
4. *Strongly urges* Parties that have not made contributions in full to the core budget for the current and/or previous bienniums to do so without further delay;
5. *Calls upon* Parties to make their contributions to the core budget for the year 2018 in a timely manner, bearing in mind that contributions are due on 1 January of each year in accordance with the financial procedures for the Conference of the Parties;
6. *Expresses its appreciation* for the contributions to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process and to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities received from Parties;
7. *Urges* Parties to further contribute to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process, in order to ensure the widest possible participation in the negotiations in 2018, and to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities;
8. *Reiterates its appreciation* to the Government of Germany for its annual voluntary contribution to the core budget of EUR 766,938 and its special contribution of EUR 1,789,522 as Host Government of the secretariat;

¹ Decision 15/CP.1, annex I.

² FCCC/SBI/2017/13, FCCC/SBI/2017/INF.8, FCCC/SBI/2017/INF.14 and FCCC/SBI/2017/INF.15 and Add.1

³ FCCC/SBI/2017/13.

⁴ FCCC/SBI/2017/INF.14.

II. Audit report and financial statements for 2016

9. *Takes note* of the audit report of the United Nations Board of Auditors³ and the financial statements for 2016, which include recommendations, and the comments of the secretariat thereon;
10. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations for arranging the audit of the accounts of the Convention;
11. *Also expresses its appreciation* to the auditors for the valuable observations and recommendations and the presentation made thereon to Parties;
12. *Urges* the Executive Secretary to implement the recommendations of the auditors, as appropriate.

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³ FCCC/SBI/2017/INF.15 and Add.1.

Decision 21/CP.23

Programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling paragraphs 4 and 7(e) of the financial procedures for the Conference of the Parties, its subsidiary bodies and the secretariat,¹

Having considered the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 submitted by the Executive Secretary,²

1. *Approves* the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, amounting to EUR 56,889,092 for the purposes specified in table 1;
2. *Notes with appreciation* the annual contribution of EUR 766,938 of the Host Government, which offsets planned expenditures;
3. *Approves* the staffing table (see table 2) for the programme budget;
4. *Notes* that the programme budget contains elements relating to the Convention and the Paris Agreement as well as to the Kyoto Protocol;
5. *Adopts* the indicative scale of contributions for 2018 and 2019 contained in the annex, covering 85 per cent of the indicative contributions specified in table 1;
6. *Invites* the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, at its thirteenth session, to endorse the elements of the recommended budget as it applies to the Kyoto Protocol;
7. *Also invites* the United Nations General Assembly to decide, at its seventy-second session, on the issue of meeting the conference services expenses from its regular budget as a continuation of existing practice;
8. *Approves* a contingency budget for conference services, amounting to EUR 9,651,400, to be added to the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 in the event that the United Nations General Assembly decides not to provide resources for these activities in the United Nations regular budget (see table 3);
9. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation on the implementation of matters referred to in paragraphs 7 and 8 above, as necessary;
10. *Authorizes* the Executive Secretary to make transfers between each of the appropriation lines set out in table 1, up to an aggregate limit of 15 per cent of total estimated expenditure for those appropriation lines, provided that a further limitation of up to minus 25 per cent of each such appropriation line shall apply, while ensuring no negative impacts on the activities under each programme;
11. *Decides* to maintain the level of the working capital reserve at 8.3 per cent of the estimated expenditure;
12. *Invites* all Parties to the Convention to note that contributions to the core budget are due on 1 January of each year in accordance with paragraph 8(b) of the financial procedures³ and to pay promptly and in full. for each of the years 2018 and 2019, the contributions required to finance expenditures approved in paragraph 1 above and any contributions required to finance the expenditures arising from the decision referred to in paragraph 8 above;
13. *Takes note* of the funding estimates for the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process specified by the Executive Secretary (see table 4);

¹ Decision 15/CP.1, annex I.

² FCCC/SBI/2017/4.

³ As footnote 1 above.

14. *Invites* Parties to make contributions to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process;
15. *Takes note* of the funding estimates for the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities specified by the Executive Secretary (EUR 53,484,419 for the biennium 2018–2019) (see table 5);
16. *Invites* Parties to make contributions to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities with a view to enabling the implementation of mandated activities envisaged under the fund;
17. *Requests* the secretariat to continue to seek efficiencies, streamline administrative services, absorb work in order to save costs in the biennium 2018–2019 and to report thereon at the session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to be held in June 2019;
18. *Also requests* the secretariat to prepare and make available an annual report as outlined in document FCCC/SBI/2016/INF.14, paragraph 37, to be considered at each session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation following the closure of the preceding financial year, providing information on the secretariat's activities in the preceding year, programme delivery highlights and financial performance;
19. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fourth session (December 2018) on income and budget performance, taking into account guidance from Parties, and to propose any adjustments that might be needed to the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;
20. *Requests*, recalling paragraph 22 of decision 22/CP.21, in which the Executive Secretary was requested to include a zero nominal growth scenario in preparing future programme budget proposals, that such zero nominal growth budget scenarios be presented in the official budget documents in the same format and at the same level of detail as any other budget scenarios that the secretariat might provide.

Table 1
Core budget for 2018–2019 by programme

	2018 (EUR)	2019 (EUR)	Total (EUR)
A. Appropriations			
Executive Direction and Management ^a	2 353 745	2 353 745	4 707 490
Implementation and climate action cluster			
Mitigation, Data and Analysis	7 956 080	7 670 780	15 626 860
Finance, Technology and Capacity-Building	3 010 180	3 010 180	6 020 360
Adaptation	2 677 500	2 684 600	5 362 100
Sustainable Development Mechanism	439 740	439 740	879 480
Subtotal implementation and climate action cluster	14 083 500	13 805 300	27 888 800
Intergovernmental affairs and secretariat operations cluster			
Legal Affairs	1 076 800	1 076 800	2 153 600
Conference Affairs Services	1 699 035	1 696 620	3 395 655
Communications and Outreach	1 715 660	1 715 660	3 431 320
Information and Communication Technology	2 723 900	2 723 900	5 447 800
Administrative Services ^b	–	–	–
Secretariat-wide operating costs ^c	1 644 030	1 584 433	3 228 463
Subtotal intergovernmental affairs and secretariat operations cluster	8 859 425	8 797 413	17 656 838
Total appropriations	25 296 670	24 956 458	50 253 128
B. Programme support costs (overheads) ^d	3 288 567	3 244 340	6 532 907
C. Adjustment to working capital reserve ^e	103 057	–	103 057
Total (A + B + C)	28 688 294	28 200 798	56 889 092
Income			
Contribution from the Host Government	766 938	766 938	1 533 876
Indicative contributions	27 921 356	27 433 860	55 355 216
Total income	28 688 294	28 200 798	56 889 092

^a The appropriation for the Executive Direction and Management programme includes a provision for an annual grant of EUR 244,755 to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

^b Administrative Services is funded from programme support costs (overheads).

^c Secretariat-wide operating costs are managed by Administrative Services.

^d Standard 13 per cent applied for administrative support.

^e In accordance with the financial procedures (decision 15/CP.1), the core budget is required to maintain a working capital reserve of 8.3 per cent (one month of operating requirements), amounting to EUR 2,372,575 in 2018, which will be maintained at that level in 2019.

Table 2
Secretariat-wide staffing from the core budget

	2017	2018	2019
Professional category and above			
USG	1	1	1
ASG	1	1	1
D-2	2	2	2
D-1	7	7	7
P-5	15	15	15
P-4	35	35	35
P-3	43	43	43
P-2	16	16	16

Subtotal Professional category and above	120	120	120
Subtotal General Service category	53.5	53.5	53.5
Total	173.5	173.5	173.5

Abbreviations: USG = Under-Secretary-General, ASG = Assistant Secretary-General, D = Director, P = Professional.

Table 3

Resource requirements for the conference services contingency

	2018 (EUR)	2019 (EUR)	2018-2019 (EUR)
<i>Object of expenditure</i>			
Interpretation ^a	1 175 300	1 210 600	2 385 900
Documentation ^b			
Translation	1 944 800	2 003 100	3 947 900
Reproduction and distribution	668 300	668 400	1 336 700
Meetings services support ^c	249 000	276 400	525 400
Subtotal	4 037 400	4 158 500	8 195 900
Programme support costs	524 900	540 600	1 065 500
Working capital reserve	378 700	11 300	390 000
Total	4 941 000	4 710 400	9 651 400

^a Includes salaries, travel and daily subsistence allowance for interpreters.

^b Includes all costs related to the processing of pre-, in- and post-session documentation; translation costs include revision and typing of documents.

^c Includes salaries, travel and daily subsistence allowance for meetings services support staff and costs of shipment and telecommunications.

Table 4

Resource requirements for the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC process in the biennium 2018–2019

<i>Sessional options</i>	<i>Estimated cost (EUR)</i>
Option 1: Support for one delegate from each eligible Party to participate in a two-week session organized in Bonn, Germany	1 017 582
Option 2: Support for one delegate from each eligible Party plus a second delegate from each of the least developed countries and each small island developing State to participate in a two-week session organized in Bonn	1 561 042
Option 3: Support for two delegates from each eligible Party to participate in a two-week session organized in Bonn	2 035 164
Option 4: Support for two delegates from each eligible Party plus a third delegate from each of the least developed countries and each small island developing State to participate in a two-week session organized in Poland	2 880 338

Note: Report of the Conference of the Parties on its nineteenth session, paragraph 145 (FCCC/CP/2013/10): "At the resumed 10th meeting, the Executive Secretary requested that the following statement be reflected in the report of the session: 'Since its inception, the secretariat has applied a consistent policy for the funding of representatives from developing country Parties across all relevant trust funds. In light of decisions taken in Cancun and Doha, it has been decided to adjust the policy as follows: representatives from developing country Parties designated by their respective regional groups to participate in meetings of the constituted bodies established under the Convention, and elected by parent bodies, will be eligible for funding under the Trust Fund for the UNFCCC Core Budget and the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities'".

Table 5
Resource requirements for the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities in the biennium 2018–2019

Project no.	Activities to be undertaken by the secretariat	Supplementary requirements EUR
Support to implementation		
<i>Adaptation</i>		
1	Promoting transparency and assessment of adaptation action, stakeholder engagement and outreach	1 680 647
2	Supporting national adaptation planning	4 132 975
3	Facilitating coherent adaptation action through the AC and the NWP	2 391 607
4	Addressing loss and damage associated with climate change impacts	1 853 299
<i>Nationally determined contributions/supporting implementation by Parties</i>		
5	Supporting the implementation of activities relating to INDCs and NDCs	2 358 089
6	Organizing the technical dialogue on NDCs	2 798 219
7	Supporting and facilitating the work of the TEC and the implementation of the Paris Agreement on technology-related matters	987 982
8	Supporting the work of the PCCB and other capacity-building mandated activities, including the collaboration with relevant stakeholders within and outside the Convention	388 833
9	Providing support upon request to Parties to strengthen national climate change legislation	90 400
10	Supporting the implementation of the Paris Agreement through regional collaboration centres	–
11	Supporting and catalysing climate finance implementation	–
12	Implementing activities of the Support Unit of the NDC Partnership ^a	1 000 000
<i>Measurement, reporting and verification/transparency regime</i>		
13	Supporting activities relating to LULUCF: reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, enhancement of forest carbon sinks, and the role of sinks in future mitigation actions	865 603
14	Maintaining and enhancing UNFCCC reporting and information systems to enable Party submissions, delivery of data-based reports, operation of tools used in the MRV process, and the warehousing and management of GHG data	2 446 347
15	Strengthening the capacity of developing countries to participate in the MRV arrangements under the Convention and the transparency framework under the Paris Agreement	733 442
16	Supporting activities relating to training of experts for technical reviews of developed country Parties' submissions and technical analysis of developing country Parties' submissions, roster of experts and meeting of lead reviewers	2 006 000
17	Supporting the implementation of technical reviews of GHG inventories from Annex I Parties	1 095 580
18	Supporting the implementation of the work programme of the SCF and climate finance mandated activities	1 516 799
19	Supporting the tracking and transparency of support, including the preparation of the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows	192 100
20	Supporting the implementation of the IAR process for developed country Parties and the ICA process for developing country Parties	2 400 295
21	Supporting the work of the CGE in assisting developing countries with the implementation of the MRV/transparency frameworks	3 018 050
<i>Infrastructure support to implementation</i>		
22	Connecting stakeholders	390 980
23	Enhancing the value of UNFCCC data and reports for use by Parties	846 370
<i>Kyoto Protocol</i>		
24	Supporting the activities of the Compliance Committee	447 480

<i>Project no.</i>	<i>Activities to be undertaken by the secretariat</i>	<i>Supplementary requirements EUR</i>
25	Maintaining and enhancing the compilation and accounting database under the Kyoto Protocol	238 859
26	Supporting and optimizing the operation of joint implementation	1 549 794
Catalysing climate action (Party and non-Party stakeholders)		
27	Boosting climate engagement via online media services ^a	2 464 638
28	Cross-cutting communications and events management of non-Party stakeholder/climate action agenda	867 185
29	Education and youth engagement – Action for Climate Empowerment	538 106
30	Momentum for Change – global awards for accelerated climate ambition ^c	2 753 833
31	Strengthening the technical examination process on mitigation: supporting the implementation of pre-2020 mitigation-related activities stemming from decision 1/CP.21	920 064
32	Supporting climate action ^b	2 879 059
33	Supporting stakeholder engagement in the UNFCCC process	1 127 833
Supporting the UNFCCC process		
34	Supporting activities relating to the impact of the implementation of response measures	909 300
35	Assessing progress towards achieving the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement	633 137
36	Strengthening gender mainstreaming in climate change action and the UNFCCC process and the secretariat through coordination, collaboration, advocacy and capacity-building	797 916
37	Strengthening the science-policy interface	323 180
38	Supporting the intergovernmental negotiation processes on the development of modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework under the Paris Agreement	450 870
Modernizing information and communication technology infrastructure		
39	Strengthening UNFCCC cyber security	359 905
40	Streamlining the production of UNFCCC documents	678 000
41	Providing virtual meeting/workshop participation to UNFCCC stakeholders	787 610
42	Providing a scalable, robust and secure cloud infrastructure for UNFCCC systems and data	751 450
43	Empowering stakeholders to work remotely	570 650
44	Developing internal communication tools	241 933
Total		53 484 419

Abbreviations: AC = Adaptation Committee, CGE = Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, GHG = greenhouse gas, ICA = international consultation and analysis, IAR = international assessment and review, INDC = intended nationally determined contribution, LULUCF = land use, land-use change and forestry, MRV = measurement, reporting and verification, NDC = nationally determined contribution, NWP = Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, PCCB = Paris Committee on Capacity-building, SCF = Standing Committee on Finance, TEC = Technology Executive Committee.

^a This project is being implemented under the NDC Partnership for the period 2017–2018. Funding to cover the project's activities in that period has already been made available to the secretariat.

^b A project for which approximately 75 per cent of funding will be sought from non-Party stakeholders.

^c A project for which up to 100 per cent of funding will be sought from non-Party stakeholders.

Annex

[English only]

**Indicative scale of contributions from Parties to the Convention for the
biennium 2018–2019^a**

<i>Party</i>	<i>United Nations scale of assessments for 2018</i>	<i>UNFCCC adjusted scale of assessments for 2018</i>	<i>UNFCCC adjusted scale of assessments for 2019</i>
Afghanistan	0.006	0.006	0.006
Albania	0.008	0.008	0.008
Algeria	0.161	0.157	0.157
Andorra	0.006	0.006	0.006
Angola	0.010	0.010	0.010
Antigua and Barbuda	0.002	0.002	0.002
Argentina	0.892	0.870	0.870
Armenia	0.006	0.006	0.006
Australia	2.337	2.278	2.278
Austria	0.720	0.702	0.702
Azerbaijan	0.060	0.058	0.058
Bahamas	0.014	0.014	0.014
Bahrain	0.044	0.043	0.043
Bangladesh	0.010	0.010	0.010
Barbados	0.007	0.007	0.007
Belarus	0.056	0.055	0.055
Belgium	0.885	0.863	0.863
Belize	0.001	0.001	0.001
Benin	0.003	0.003	0.003
Bhutan	0.001	0.001	0.001
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	0.012	0.012	0.012
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.013	0.013	0.013
Botswana	0.014	0.014	0.014
Brazil	3.823	3.727	3.727
Brunei Darussalam	0.029	0.028	0.028
Bulgaria	0.045	0.044	0.044
Burkina Faso	0.004	0.004	0.004
Burundi	0.001	0.001	0.001
Cabo Verde	0.001	0.001	0.001
Cambodia	0.004	0.004	0.004
Cameroon	0.010	0.010	0.010
Canada	2.921	2.848	2.848
Central African Republic	0.001	0.001	0.001
Chad	0.005	0.005	0.005
Chile	0.399	0.389	0.389
China	7.921	7.722	7.722
Colombia	0.322	0.314	0.314
Comoros	0.001	0.001	0.001
Congo	0.006	0.006	0.006
Cook Islands	0.001	0.001	0.001
Costa Rica	0.047	0.046	0.046
Côte d'Ivoire	0.009	0.009	0.009
Croatia	0.099	0.097	0.097
Cuba	0.065	0.063	0.063
Cyprus	0.043	0.042	0.042

<i>Party</i>	<i>United Nations scale of assessments for 2018</i>	<i>UNFCCC adjusted scale of assessments for 2018</i>	<i>UNFCCC adjusted scale of assessments for 2019</i>
Czechia	0.344	0.335	0.335
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	0.005	0.005	0.005
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0.008	0.008	0.008
Denmark	0.584	0.569	0.569
Djibouti	0.001	0.001	0.001
Dominica	0.001	0.001	0.001
Dominican Republic	0.046	0.045	0.045
Ecuador	0.067	0.065	0.065
Egypt	0.152	0.148	0.148
El Salvador	0.014	0.014	0.014
Equatorial Guinea	0.010	0.010	0.010
Eritrea	0.001	0.001	0.001
Estonia	0.038	0.037	0.037
Ethiopia	0.010	0.010	0.010
European Union	2.500	2.500	2.500
Fiji	0.003	0.003	0.003
Finland	0.456	0.445	0.445
France	4.859	4.737	4.737
Gabon	0.017	0.017	0.017
Gambia	0.001	0.001	0.001
Georgia	0.008	0.008	0.008
Germany	6.389	6.229	6.229
Ghana	0.016	0.016	0.016
Greece	0.471	0.459	0.459
Grenada	0.001	0.001	0.001
Guatemala	0.028	0.027	0.027
Guinea	0.002	0.002	0.002
Guinea-Bissau	0.001	0.001	0.001
Guyana	0.002	0.002	0.002
Haiti	0.003	0.003	0.003
Honduras	0.008	0.008	0.008
Hungary	0.161	0.157	0.157
Iceland	0.023	0.022	0.022
India	0.737	0.719	0.719
Indonesia	0.504	0.491	0.491
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0.471	0.459	0.459
Iraq	0.129	0.126	0.126
Ireland	0.335	0.327	0.327
Israel	0.430	0.419	0.419
Italy	3.748	3.654	3.654
Jamaica	0.009	0.009	0.009
Japan	9.680	9.437	9.437
Jordan	0.020	0.019	0.019
Kazakhstan	0.191	0.186	0.186
Kenya	0.018	0.018	0.018
Kiribati	0.001	0.001	0.001
Kuwait	0.285	0.278	0.278
Kyrgyzstan	0.002	0.002	0.002
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.003	0.003	0.003
Latvia	0.050	0.049	0.049
Lebanon	0.046	0.045	0.045
Lesotho	0.001	0.001	0.001
Liberia	0.001	0.001	0.001
Libya	0.125	0.122	0.122
Liechtenstein	0.007	0.007	0.007

<i>Party</i>	<i>United Nations scale of assessments for 2018</i>	<i>UNFCCC adjusted scale of assessments for 2018</i>	<i>UNFCCC adjusted scale of assessments for 2019</i>
Lithuania	0.072	0.070	0.070
Luxembourg	0.064	0.062	0.062
Madagascar	0.003	0.003	0.003
Malawi	0.002	0.002	0.002
Malaysia	0.322	0.314	0.314
Maldives	0.002	0.002	0.002
Mali	0.003	0.003	0.003
Malta	0.016	0.016	0.016
Marshall Islands	0.001	0.001	0.001
Mauritania	0.002	0.002	0.002
Mauritius	0.012	0.012	0.012
Mexico	1.435	1.399	1.399
Micronesia (Federated States of)	0.001	0.001	0.001
Monaco	0.010	0.010	0.010
Mongolia	0.005	0.005	0.005
Montenegro	0.004	0.004	0.004
Morocco	0.054	0.053	0.053
Mozambique	0.004	0.004	0.004
Myanmar	0.010	0.010	0.010
Namibia	0.010	0.010	0.010
Nauru	0.001	0.001	0.001
Nepal	0.006	0.006	0.006
Netherlands	1.482	1.445	1.445
New Zealand	0.268	0.261	0.261
Nicaragua	0.004	0.004	0.004
Niger	0.002	0.002	0.002
Nigeria	0.209	0.204	0.204
Niue	0.001	0.001	0.001
Norway	0.849	0.828	0.828
Oman	0.113	0.110	0.110
Pakistan	0.093	0.091	0.091
Palau	0.001	0.001	0.001
Panama	0.034	0.033	0.033
Papua New Guinea	0.004	0.004	0.004
Paraguay	0.014	0.014	0.014
Peru	0.136	0.133	0.133
Philippines	0.165	0.161	0.161
Poland	0.841	0.820	0.820
Portugal	0.392	0.382	0.382
Qatar	0.269	0.262	0.262
Republic of Korea	2.039	1.988	1.988
Republic of Moldova	0.004	0.004	0.004
Romania	0.184	0.179	0.179
Russian Federation	3.088	3.011	3.011
Rwanda	0.002	0.002	0.002
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.001	0.001	0.001
Saint Lucia	0.001	0.001	0.001
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0.001	0.001	0.001
Samoa	0.001	0.001	0.001
San Marino	0.003	0.003	0.003
Sao Tome and Principe	0.001	0.001	0.001
Saudi Arabia	1.146	1.117	1.117
Senegal	0.005	0.005	0.005
Serbia	0.032	0.031	0.031
Seychelles	0.001	0.001	0.001

<i>Party</i>	<i>United Nations scale of assessments for 2018</i>	<i>UNFCCC adjusted scale of assessments for 2018</i>	<i>UNFCCC adjusted scale of assessments for 2019</i>
Sierra Leone	0.001	0.001	0.001
Singapore	0.447	0.436	0.436
Slovakia	0.160	0.156	0.156
Slovenia	0.084	0.082	0.082
Solomon Islands	0.001	0.001	0.001
Somalia	0.001	0.001	0.001
South Africa	0.364	0.355	0.355
South Sudan	0.003	0.003	0.003
Spain	2.443	2.382	2.382
Sri Lanka	0.031	0.030	0.030
State of Palestine	0.007	0.007	0.007
Sudan	0.010	0.010	0.010
Suriname	0.006	0.006	0.006
Swaziland	0.002	0.002	0.002
Sweden	0.956	0.932	0.932
Switzerland	1.140	1.111	1.111
Syrian Arab Republic	0.024	0.023	0.023
Tajikistan	0.004	0.004	0.004
Thailand	0.291	0.284	0.284
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	0.007	0.007	0.007
Timor-Leste	0.003	0.003	0.003
Togo	0.001	0.001	0.001
Tonga	0.001	0.001	0.001
Trinidad and Tobago	0.034	0.033	0.033
Tunisia	0.028	0.027	0.027
Turkey	1.018	0.992	0.992
Turkmenistan	0.026	0.025	0.025
Tuvalu	0.001	0.001	0.001
Uganda	0.009	0.009	0.009
Ukraine	0.103	0.100	0.100
United Arab Emirates	0.604	0.589	0.589
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	4.463	4.351	4.351
United Republic of Tanzania	0.010	0.010	0.010
United States of America	22.000	21.448	21.448
Uruguay	0.079	0.077	0.077
Uzbekistan	0.023	0.022	0.022
Vanuatu	0.001	0.001	0.001
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	0.571	0.557	0.557
Viet Nam	0.058	0.057	0.057
Yemen	0.010	0.010	0.010
Zambia	0.007	0.007	0.007
Zimbabwe	0.004	0.004	0.004
Total	102.509	100.000	100.000

^a Pursuant to decision 15/CP.1, annex I, paragraph 7(a), the UNFCCC scale of indicative contributions may be adjusted following the adoption by the United Nations General Assembly of the United Nations scale of assessments for the period 2019–2021.

*12th plenary meeting
17 November 2017*

Decision 22/CP.23

Dates and venues of future sessions

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 7, paragraph 4, of the Convention,

Also recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985 on the pattern of conferences,

Further recalling rule 22, paragraph 1, of the draft rules of procedure being applied regarding the rotation of the office of President among the five regional groups,

Recalling rule 3 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, which provides that the sessions of the Conference of the Parties shall take place at the seat of the secretariat unless the Conference of the Parties decides otherwise or other appropriate arrangements are made by the secretariat in consultation with Parties,

Also recalling decision 24/CP.22, paragraphs 7–11, regarding the acceptance of the offer of the Government of Poland to host the sessions taking place in the second sessional period of 2018, from 3 to 14 December,

I. Dates and venues of future sessions

A. 2018

1. *Notes* that, in keeping with the principle of rotation among the regional groups, the President to be elected at the sessions to be held from 3 to 14 December 2018 would come from the Eastern European States;
2. *Expresses its appreciation* for the nomination received from the Eastern European States of Mr. Jan Szyszko to serve as President at the sessions referred to in paragraph 1 above;
3. *Notes* the decision of the Government of Poland to host the sessions referred to in paragraph 1 above in Katowice;
4. *Reiterates its request* to the Executive Secretary to make the necessary arrangements for convening the sessions referred to in paragraph 1 above;

B. 2019

5. *Notes* that, in keeping with the principle of rotation among the regional groups, the President to be elected at the sessions to be held from 11 to 22 November 2019 would come from the Latin American and Caribbean States;
6. *Invites* Parties to undertake further consultations on the hosting of the sessions referred to in paragraph 5 above;
7. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its forty-eighth session (April–May 2018), to consider the issue of the host of the sessions referred to in paragraph 5 above and to recommend a draft decision on the matter for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fourth session (December 2018);

C. 2020

8. *Notes* that, in keeping with the principle of rotation among the regional groups, the President to be elected at the sessions to be held from 9 to 20 November 2020 would come from the Western European and other States;

9. *Invites* Parties to undertake further consultations on the hosting of the sessions referred to in paragraph 8 above;

10. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its forty-eighth session, to consider the issue of the host of the sessions referred to in paragraph 8 above and to recommend a draft decision on the matter for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fourth session;

II. Calendar of meetings of the Convention, Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement bodies

11. *Decides* to adopt the following dates for the sessional periods in 2022:

- (a) First sessional period: Monday, 6 June, to Thursday, 16 June;
- (b) Second sessional period: Monday, 7 November, to Friday, 18 November.

*13th plenary meeting
18 November 2017*

Resolution 1/CP.23

Expression of gratitude to the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the people of the city of Bonn

Resolution submitted by Fiji

The Conference of the Parties, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement,

Having met in Bonn from 6 to 17 November 2017 at the seat of the secretariat,

1. *Express their profound gratitude to the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany for having made it possible for the twenty-third session of the Conference of the Parties, the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the second part of the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement to be held in Bonn;*
2. *Request the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany to convey to the city and people of Bonn the gratitude of the Conference of the Parties, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement for the hospitality and warmth extended to the participants.*

*16th plenary meeting
18 November 2017*